

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUENOS AIRES 0886

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ICRC, PARM, VN, AR, US

SUBJECT: PRG ISSUE AT LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE

REF: A. STATE 25996, B. SAIGON 1324, C. STATE 23914

1. EMBOFF CALLED AMBASSADOR FERNANDEZ ESCALANTE, CHIEF OF FOREIGN OFFICE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION, MORNING OF FEB 5 TO REQUEST SUPPORT AGAINST POSSIBLE SOVIET CHALLENGE TO RULING OF CHAIRMAN GRABER. FERNANDEZ ESCALANTE SAID HE WAS UNAWARE OF SOVIET CHALLENGE, BUT WOULD TAKE MATTER UP WITH FOREIGN MINISTER AND CALL BACK. LATE AFTERNOON FEB 5, FERNANDEZ ESCALANTE CALLED BACK TO ASK EMBOFF TO COME TO HIS OFFICE TO DISCUSS MATTER FURTHER. HE INDICATED THAT ON FEB 4 HE HAD INSTRUCTED DELEGATION TO VOTE WITH THE US ON PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS BUT FEARED INSTRUCTION MAY HAVE ARRIVED TOO LATE. HE ADDED, SUBSEQUENT TO MY PHONE CALL, HE HAD RECEIVED A "CONFUSING" CABLE FROM HIS DELEGATION WHICH LEFT HIM PUZZLED AS TO STATE OF PLAY. I REVIEWED INFO STATE 25996 AND FERNANDEZ ESCALANTE REPLIED THAT INSTRUCTIONS TO SUPPORT US ON PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS FEB 4 SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT FOR DELEGATION TO SUPPORT US ON ISSUE FEB 5. HOWEVER, DESPITE FACT CABLE WOULD  
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PROBABLY ARRIVE AFTER FEB 5 MEETING, HE WAS IMMEDIATELY GETTING

OFF ANOTHER CABLE TODAY.

2. BECAUSE OF TIME DIFFERENCE HERE AND NECESSITY FOR CLEARANCES,  
HE SAID OFTTIMES INSTRUCTIONS ARRIVE TOO LATE FOR ACTION AT  
MEETING.  
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